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SEPO Board

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Board Meeting October 7th 1:00 and Residents Meeting Tuesday October 8th 1:00. Agendas for both the Board Meeting and Residents meeting will be posted in regular places October 1st.

- *Jim Kennedy, President*

Sunshine Resident Identification Sticker & Disc

If you have changed cars or are new to our community and do not have a **Sunshine Smiley Face sticker** for your car, please contact either Valerie in the office or Jean Burgoine. These stickers are free.

If you need the four (4) inch plastic yellow disc that attaches to your golf bag, please contact Valerie in the office. The disc is free. It identifies you as a member of the community with full golfing privileges. This was the only way to identify legal golfers before the golf cart “use fee” sticker was instituted. You must purchase a “use fee” sticker yearly in order to ride on the cart paths in your golf cart while playing. We instituted the Sunshine Smiley Face car sticker also be used on golf carts during covid to identify you as a member of the community. Every golf cart should have either a valid golf cart path “use” sticker or a free Sunshine sticker (if you don’t use your golf cart when playing golf). Every golf bag should have the four (4) inch yellow disc attached.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

- *Jean Burgoine*

Donations

The Harlingen Rotary Club collects and recycles prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses. If you have some you no longer need, please place them in the box in the library. The box is located by the South window. The cases are now wanted by the recycling group as well.

- *Jean Burgoine*

Sunshine Activity/Meeting Room Requests

REMINDER: The process for when and how to request the use of Sunshine Common Areas is on the Sunshine website here: (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/activity-mtg-request>). Thanks for your understanding of this process in order to make the scheduling of all of the Fun SEPO Events easier to coordinate.

- *Valerie Basaldua, SEPO Office Mgr*

Communications

SEPO Emails

Hi All – The 2024-2025 Winter Season is upon us already. All emails I send are also posted on the Sunshine website (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/email-legend>). Starting Oct 1 I will be resuming the process of sending emails overnight only, unless you let me know you have an emergency email that needs to go out immediately.



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Please remember, if you post info about SEPO Activities/Meetings on the SEPO Facebook page, please send that same info to me to send via SEPO email, because **not everyone is on Facebook**.

Sunshine Website

I want to emphasize several pages on your Sunshine website.

(Please let me know if you see any *inaccurate* information or something that *needs to be added*, by emailing me at sunshinecountryclubweb@gmail.com.)

- **Table of Contents** (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/tableofcontents-sitemap>).
- **Winter 2024-2025 Summary** (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/summary-winter-2024-2025>).
- **Communications Guidelines** (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/communication-guidelines>).
- **Residents Only** (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/residents-only>).

Please contact me with any questions/concerns. Let's keep that information flowing!!!

- Beth Parrish, SEPO Communications

Women's Club: From the President

It has been a great summer at Sunshine and excitement is in the air for the upcoming 2024/2025 season!

The Women's Club is proud to announce that we are having a free SEPO Community Health Fair to begin the season feeling our best (October 4th). We are so excited about kicking off the season with an Oktoberfest Party (October 16th) and getting spooky with a Halloween event on October 31st.

If you are a woman who lives here in Sunshine Country Club Estates, you are automatically a member of our wonderful club. No fees or paperwork needed! Our first meeting will be Friday, October 18th at 9AM. We will have coffee, refreshments, a review of upcoming community events, a Women's Club Logo Contest, special reports and votes on various issues. We would love for you to join to see what the fun is all about and the wonderful ways we enrich this beautiful community! You are under no obligation to participate, but please come check it out! It's a wonderful way to know what is happening in our community.

We are excited about this season and are looking forward to seeing all of you soon! Safe travels!

Sincerely,

Pam Davis, President

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Women's Club: From the Activities Director

Welcome back! And to those of you not down here yet, safe travels.

Hopefully you all received the email with the complete list of the upcoming Women's Club events for the 2024-2025 season. But if you missed that, I will have copies of it for you at our first Women's Club meeting on October 18th @ 9:00am in Retzlaff Hall. Beth also has it posted on the Sunshine website here: <https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/wc-events-winter-2024-2025>.



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In addition, we have three more events happening in October. On Friday the 4th in Retzlaff Hall from 9:00-noon will be our first Health Fair! It's a free event and you'll have an opportunity to have a quick and easy checkup on your health. Hope to see many of you there. October 16th is our Oktoberfest. Bring your best beer stein and you might win a prize! And finally on October 31st is our annual Halloween Party. Time is still to be determined.

Don't forget to stop by the library and take a look at the events you may be interested in volunteering for and possible help chair.

I'm looking forward to having a fun and eventful season!

- Jill Ventrello

Women's Club Director of Activities

Golf: Women's Golf League

The Sunshine Women's Golf League will start on Wednesday, November 6, 2024. We meet in the Library every Wednesday between 8:30 and 8:45 to sign up, play begins at 9:00. Membership is open to all property owners and renting residents of Sunshine Estates. The cost to play league will be \$25.00, the same as last year, and we will be collecting on the first day of play.

We have a Women's League Meeting on the third Wednesday of every month in Retzlaff Hall. Our first meeting will be on November 20th, at 9:00am, with golf following. We hope to see everyone there.

We're looking forward to a fun filled season!

Thank you!

- Dana Szretter, *League President*

Golf: Good Neighbor Day Golf Tournament (GNDGT)

Please mark your calendar for this event scheduled for February 27 through March 1, 2025. This event consists of playing three scramble-type rounds of golf as a team and an awards dinner on Saturday evening in this 39th Annual Event. We have had more than 160 people participating in the past. Please consider bringing back goodies from your summer place for a basket to be donated for the awards dinner to show how we are really "Good Neighbors." If you are full-time in Sunshine, fill your basket with RGV goodies. Details concerning these baskets from last year can be found on our website here: under "**Good Neighbor Golf Tournament 2024**". <https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/golf-events-2023-2024>.

Chairman of Good Neighbor Day Golf Tournament Committee

- Tony Tramel

SEPO Bike Club: Any Interest in Forming One?

Since there are many residents in Sunshine who ride bikes, I am trying to determine if there is any interest in forming a "SEPO Bike Club". It could possibly be named "Seniors on Bikes" or whatever the



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club would prefer. Aside from good, low impact exercise, biking is just fun.

This would be a group social ride; we ride as a group. No judgement if you are slow or need to stop or turn around, we ride as a group.

There are lots of places around here that are safe and interesting, i.e., Frontage Road North, South Padre Island, [Arroyo Trail](#), [Laguna Atascosa Steve Thompson Wildlife Drive](#), [Corpus Christi-Ocean Drive](#), just to name a few. I have details on each of these locations to share with you.

If you are interested in meeting to discuss all of this, please contact me at my info below. If there is enough interest to proceed, I will set up a meeting. After that, the idea is either dropped or I will proceed to go through the proper channels per the SEPO Policies & Procedures to obtain SEPO Board permission to establish this new club.

I'm looking forward to discussing this with my fellow Sunshine homeowner/renter bike riders.

Bobby Crouch

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The Killer Bees

The Killer Bees quilting group will start meeting again on Thursday, October 3rd at 9AM in Retzlaff Hall. Come join us for lots of Quilting fun! For now....Please contact Marsha Santow with any questions.

- Jan Baethke

Sunshine Garden Club

A very warm and sincere thank you to all the container and garden volunteers that have been working so hard over the summer. Thank you all so much.

Our first seasonal Garden Club meeting will be November 12th. We are planning to have a guest speaker or a tour to Wild August Nursery and Flower Farm in Harlingen. More details to come.

- Susanne Ulrich

Birding & Nature (B&N) Club (2024-2025 Season)

Hello, Neighbors,

Welcome back to our beautiful Rio Grande Valley and another Birding and Nature season.

We are looking forward to an active birding season. On the agenda are multiple field trips and interesting speakers. We are planning a day trip to Gladys Porter Zoo with a guided tour by nature and Palm expert Chuck Malloy. Also of interest is the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge. Both of these trips are being planned after the first of the year.



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Our first meeting of the season will be Monday, November 4, 2024 at 7 PM in the library. Please plan on joining us as we discuss the upcoming season. If there is a particular park you would like to explore, all suggestions are welcome.

See you soon,
Deb Jones, Secretary
Birding and Nature Club

Rock Painting Club

The idea of spreading kindness through distributing painted rocks has spread worldwide. Over two years ago Karren Amos brought the idea to Sunshine Country Club Estates when she and her husband became new residents and the Rock Club was born.

All residents are invited to attend our meetings. There is a charge of \$5 per meeting which covers rocks and a ton of available supplies including several types of paints, brushes, ink pens, stencils, and more. New members receive a welcome box with rocks, paints, brushes and other goodies.

We are not artists but you would never know when you see some of the rocks we have painted! We have several notebooks with sample pictures anyone is welcome to use and we even have carbon paper to trace ideas onto rocks.

We meet in the hall the first and fourth Monday of each month from 1-3 PM unless there is a conflict. In that case, we reserve a different Monday to meet.

We have provided patriotic Veteran's Day rocks to the Harlingen Veterans Administration for several occasions as well as for our own Sunshine Veterans.

We have also shared our kindness rocks with:

1. Sunny Glen Children's Home in San Benito.
2. Harlingen Children's Home.
3. Valley View Assisted Living Facility
4. Gave a rock painting class to residents of the Harlingen Children's Home.
5. Gave away over 100 painted rocks at last year's craft show.

You will also find our rocks in the butterfly garden identifying the butterfly friendly flowers planted there. Our rocks are also in the water feature where the bird feeder and water stream are located!

Throughout the community you will find beautiful painted rocks adorning homes and gardens.

Come be a part of our fun!

The Rock Club will meet the following dates scheduled for the rest of the year:

October 14
October 28
November 4
November 25
December 2



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December 23

- *Cathy Richmond*

FISHING CLUB

The first fishing club meeting for the 24-25 season will be held on Oct 9 in Retzlaff Hall @ 6:00.
You can also log into Google Meet with this link: <https://meet.google.com/pan-rprv-xdh>.

Please join us to help plan for the year. Call 309-945-2108 if you have questions.

- *Bill Peterson, President*

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to everyone who provided great information for this first Newsletter of the 2024-2025 Winter Season. Keep this sort of information coming each month. And for those of you involved in / leading other fun things to do at Sunshine, I hope to hear from you next month.

Thanks everyone.

Beth Parrish

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